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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A COSMETIC COMPOSITION BASED ON MENTHOL and MENTHYL LACTATE, HAVING LITTLE ODOR AND BEING NON-IRRITATING, the specification of which

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was filed on 1-19-2000 as

Application Serial No. 09/483,766

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing   | Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119                                |
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Inventor's Signature:  
Full Name of Second Joint  
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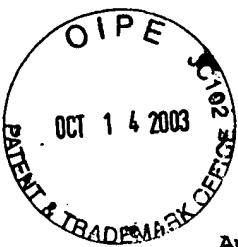
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(Supply similar information and signature for fourth and subsequent joint inventors.)



Docket No. ROC 017

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Veronique Mahe, et al.

Serial No. : 09/483,766 Art Unit: 1615

Filed : January 19, 2000 Examiner: T. K. Page

For : A COSMETIC COMPOSITION BASED ON MENTHOL AND  
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I, Andrea L. Colby, the attorney for applicants in the above-mentioned application, declare and say:

1. On or about January 19, 2000, I forwarded to the inventors named in the above-identified patent application, Veronique Mahe, Pascale Joetzjer and Anne Emmanuelle Guise, declarations and powers of attorney for signature and submission to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

2. Prior to September 5, 2000, I received the signed declarations and submitted them to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2000.

3. An Office Action was rendered in the above-identified patent application on or about October 19, 2000 which pointed out that the declarations described in Paragraph 2 above had not been dated by the inventors. The Office Action required a supplemental declaration containing the inventors' signatures and the dates on which it was signed.

4. I forwarded an additional declaration to all three inventors in care of the facility at which they had been employed as of the date of invention on or about February 1, 2001 in Val-de-Reuil, France. This declaration was signed by all inventors, dated and returned. For some reason, a file clerk placed a red line through the front page of the declaration, it was not submitted to the Patent Office and the declaration placed in the file.

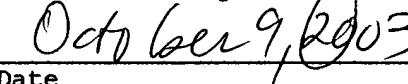
5. In a subsequent Office Action, rendered March 18, 2002, the declaration was again found defective and an additional declaration

required. I then forwarded an additional declaration to the inventors in Val-de-Reuil. Ms. Mahe and Ms. Joetzjer signed and dated the additional declaration on September 5 and 6, 2002 and returned their originals to me. However, at that time, I was informed by Veronique Mahe, that Ms. Guise had left the employ of Johnson & Johnson France.

6. Upon learning that Ms. Guise had left the employ of Johnson & Johnson France, I requested that Mr. Dirk Wante, a member of our Law Department in Brussels, forward the supplemental declaration to Ms. Guise's home address. He and his administrative assistant sent the supplemental declaration to Ms. Guise's home address and did not receive a response. They then forwarded the supplemental declaration to Ms. Guise's new business address and did not receive a response.

7. After Mr. Wante's lack of success in this matter, I requested that our outside counsel, Mr. J-J. Martin, of Cabinet Regimbeau in Paris, France attempt to obtain Ms. Guise's signature. After attempts made at both her home and business addresses, he, too, was unsuccessful at obtaining her signature.

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| First Named Inventor     | Veronique Mahe      |
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| Filing Date              | January 19, 2000    |
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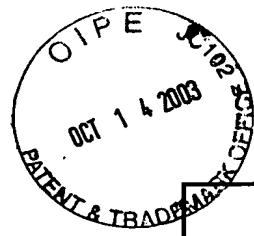
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